

THE WEATHER
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CHEF STABS MRS. BRINTON, FIRES HOME

Wife of Dr. Lewis Brinton Attacked by Japanese at Home in Rosemont

WOUNDED 25 TIMES WITH ICE PICK AND MAY DIE

Butler Tries to Save Her and He Too Receives Wounds in Back

STRUGGLE IS DESPERATE

Woman Screams and Then Falls Unconscious in Pool of Blood

Mrs. Lewis Brinton, wife of Dr. Lewis Brinton, 1033 Spruce street, and widely known in society, was stabbed with an ice pick shortly before 1 o'clock today at her summer home in Rosemont.

Twenty-five wounds were inflicted in the chest and neck of Mrs. Brinton, John Mulligan, a butler, who attempted to save Mrs. Brinton, was also attacked by the chef. He plunged the pick into his back and neck. Mulligan was also taken to Bryn Mawr Hospital.

Sakani, apparently horror-stricken by the deed, was found hiding in a closet on the third floor by the police of Radnor Township. After arresting him police fought the fire until the arrival of the Wayne fire company. The flames were quickly subdued.

Sakani is on the verge of collapse, and it was impossible to get any reason for the attack.

The home occupied by the Brinton family is in a somewhat sequestered spot known as the Cox estate some distance from the Lancaster pike.

Shouts and screams were heard coming from the direction of the house shortly before 1 o'clock. From the somewhat incoherent account given by Mulligan, the butler, it appears that Sakani has been in an ugly mood for some time and that his discharge was being considered.

Plunges Pick Into Chest
Shortly after luncheon, while Mrs. Brinton was reading on the porch, she approached her. It is said, and made some remark, Mrs. Brinton rose and her reply angered him. Reaching under his coat he pulled out a long ice pick and plunged it into Mrs. Brinton's chest.

"Stop, before it is too late," she cried. The sight of blood seemed to infuriate the Jap. Again and again he raised the pick and plunged it into various parts of the woman's back as she attempted to gain the house.

WILL U. S. SEIZE R.R.'S AND DRAFT MEN? CHIEF QUESTION IN STRIKE

McGrath, Shopmen's Vice President, Asserts Government Needs Only to Bring Rail Executives and Employees Together

"PROGRESSIVE STRIKE" INDICATED AS ADDITIONAL WORKMEN DROP TOOLS

Roads Declared Busy "Passing Buck" to Uncle Sam—Public Opinion Against Walkout, but Also Criticizes Carriers' Flouting of Labor Board

COLONEL McCain is in Chicago making a first-hand study of the forces, the influences and the personalities involved in the railroad strike. He will report daily the truth of the situation as he finds it, and will shed light on the motives that animate and the purposes that control the railroad executives and the leaders of the striking workmen. Colonel McCain's first article appears below.

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN
Chicago, July 17.—The possible seizure of the railroads by the Federal Government and the drafting of railroad employees to keep the mails and interstate commerce moving is, under the surface, the question of paramount interest here today in the strike situation.

It is accentuated by the fact that railroad executives are growing impatient. Attempts of Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the United States Labor Board, to negotiate peace have failed. In many parts of the country efforts will be made in earnest to break the strike by the employment of new men today.

This is expected to precipitate renewed trouble.
In every respect this is regarded as one of the critical days of the strike.

Doubts Drafting of Workers
I had a talk yesterday afternoon at strike headquarters with J. F. McGrath, vice president of the shopmen, who is second in command to R. M. Jewell. Mr. McGrath is a sturdy, smooth-shaven man, about forty-five years of age, very reserved in manner. He views the world through his mandarin spectacles.

I asked him about the possibility of the Government taking over the roads and then drafting the employees to maintain and operate them.
"I think I'd better not comment on that. It's too serious a proposition. It doesn't seem possible that the President could draft men for labor in times of peace. I don't think that the drafting of labor is a thing that this Government stands for. It isn't American," he remarked.

"The President doesn't have to do such a thing. All he needs is to bring the railroad executives and shop workers together," he said in conclusion.

J. M. Scott, secretary-treasurer of the shopmen's organization, the third big executive officer, was also present during my visit.
"Says Harding Knows Violations
The incident of the trip of E. F. Grable, president of the Maintenance of Way Employees organization, to see President Harding, came up incidentally.

"Is there a better chance of President Harding getting the shopmen and railroad executives together now that Mr. Grable has informed the President as to the number of railroads that have ignored the rulings of the Labor Board?" I asked Mr. Scott.
"The President knew all about those things before Grable called," was the reply. "The railroad executives of the East are his friends, particularly President Smith, of the New York Central. I don't know just how well he knows Mr. Atterbury, of the Pennsylvania. He must have known about those violations, at least if they were called to his attention, as I suppose they were," said the secretary-treasurer.

"There's been no secret about those things," Mr. Scott went on. "Everybody knows how the Pennsylvania Railroad has defied the Labor Board."
"The railroad clerks' organization has entered into new contracts with certain of the roads and will not join in the strike. Is that permissible?" I asked.

"Didn't Represent the Men
"Railroad clerks have power over their own organization. It is an autonomous body. They can make independent agreements and accept and sign up all right."
"How does that differ from the action taken by the Pennsylvania Railroad?" I asked.

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PRESIDENT AND SPOUL MOVE TO SETTLE STRIKES

Discuss Specific Program to End Railroad and Coal Walkouts

GOVERNOR PLEDGES PENNA. WILL BACK UP HARDING

Declares All Organized State Agencies Will Aid Government in Emergency

PROMISES INSTANT ACTION

Pepper and Alter Take Part in Conference at White House

Latest Developments in Railroad Walkout

President Harding, Governor Spruell, Senator Pepper and Attorney General Alter, of Pennsylvania, discussed a specific program to end the rail and coal strikes at a White House conference.

Reports on the railroad situation indicate a delicate peace. Possible seizure of railroads and drafting of employees has become a question of paramount interest.

E. F. Grable, maintenance of way men's chief, declares his union will not strike before Thursday, when a meeting will be held. They won't walk out then if assured roads will stop coercion.

Fresh disorders are reported and interference with train service. Dobs urged all labor to "strike together," vote together and fight together.

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Another indication of a drift toward peace was seen in the statement of A. A. Havon, general chairman of the Federated Shop Crafts of the Northwest, that only the refusal of Eastern roads to agree to reinstate striking shop crafts workers with their full seniority rights, was preventing a settlement so far as the roads of the Northwest are concerned.

Possible extension of the strike was forecast in the statement of William Parker, head of the Eastern chapter of railway workers, that local officials in Eastern centers were having increasing difficulty in holding the maintenance of way men at their jobs. He said 20 per cent of the 70,000 men in the metropolitan district already were on strike.

Approximately 25,000 maintenance of way men have struck without permission from Preside J. Grable, J. C. Smuck, vice president of the union, estimated today. Mr. Smuck said the strikers probably will be outwaged by their national officers.

A message to E. F. Fitzgerald, head of the Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees' Union, said a strike vote of 80,000 men in the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad.

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Figure in Crash



PATROLMAN JAMES MCCORT
Mrs. Anna Martin
McCort rushed in amid falling debris when two houses collapsed at 1307-09 North Fifth street, and pulled out two workmen who had been buried. Mrs. Martin, fifth street near Thompson, had just stepped from one of the houses when the crash came.

FAMILY SAVED IN FIRE BY WALKING 6-IN. LEDGE

Mrs. Dora Kretsch, Camden, Leads 3 Children to Safety Across Coping
Mrs. Dora Kretsch and her sons, Meyer, eighteen; Isidore, fourteen; and Samuel, four, were rescued by fire at 4 o'clock this morning in their home at Locust and Line streets, Camden. They escaped the flames by taking refuge on a six-inch coping outside the second-story windows.

Isidore Kretsch, the woman's husband, keeps a grocery store on the first floor of the building. He was away from home last night, and all the family were sleeping on the second floor. At 4 o'clock Samuel, the youngest, was awakened by smoke, which came up from the store. The child coughed and choked, and called to his mother for help. When Mrs. Kretsch awoke she saw that smoke was seeping through the cracks in her bedroom floor. She screamed for the elder boys and aroused them.

The family sought escape from the burning house by the stairs, but the fire had spread too fast; the lower stairs were burning.
Mrs. Kretsch and her children ran to the windows, shouting for help. As they looked out, the woman noticed the ledge running below the windows. It was but about six inches wide, yet it offered the only chance of escape.

Without hesitating, the mother told the elder boys to get out on the ledge, and followed, after she had helped the littlest boy to find a place.
Isidore, the eldest, saw a chance of getting to the street by springing out from his perch and grasping the guy wire of an electric light pole. He made the jump and landed safely, swinging in mid-air. It was then a simple matter to go hand over hand to the pole and slide down.

The boy ran to summon aid. Neighbors already had turned in an alarm, however, and in a very few moments a fire company arrived. Ladders were run up and Mrs. Kretsch and her children taken down.
The fire was extinguished after it had done damage totaling about \$300.

2 HELD FOR CAR THEFT CALLED GANG LEADERS

Geo. Hare and Leo Donnelly, Captured at Shore, Held in \$20,000 Bail
George R. Hare, twenty-six, 5924 York road, and Leo Donnelly, twenty-five, of Atlantic City, are being held in the Ocean City jail in \$20,000 bail each, charged with the theft of an automobile.

According to the Atlantic County police the men are suspected of being a part of an automobile thieving syndicate which operates throughout the East, and says no strike will prevent them from carrying out their plans.

The police are also seeking to connect them with a series of automobile thefts in all of the resorts along the Jersey coast.
Eugene Schweinhammer, former Assistant Prosecutor of Atlantic County, will go before Judge Eldridge tomorrow and ask for the release of the men on a writ of habeas corpus. They are scheduled for a hearing Friday.

The prisoners are specifically charged with the theft of the automobile of Edw. C. Knifer, city passenger agent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad in this city. As Mr. Knifer was sitting on his porch last Wednesday evening at Ocean City two men walked up to his machine, got in and drove away. He hailed another motorist and with a patrolman gave chase. The men were caught in Sea Isle City with the car and arrested.

LEAVES SUPPER TABLE, SAVES DROWNING GIRL

Miss Emma Bailey, of Phila., Rescued by Life Guard in Delaware
Joseph Campbell, life guard at Farnham Beach, North Kraemer Hill, left the supper table last night to run to the river side, jump in and save from drowning Miss Emma Bailey, nineteen years old, who had fallen from a canoe. Campbell had gone off duty shortly before, as it was after 6 o'clock. He lives near the beach, which is on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River.

2 HOUSES CRASH; 3 MEN ARE HURT

Workmen Razing North 5th St. Buildings Buried as Weakened Walls Collapse

TWO TRAPPED IN DEBRIS RESCUED BY POLICEMAN

Woman Has a Narrow Escape. Structures Damaged by Explosion on July 3

Two houses at 1307 and 1309 North Fifth street, damaged by an explosion two weeks ago, collapsed at 10:30 o'clock today, injuring a contractor and two workmen who were demolishing the structures.

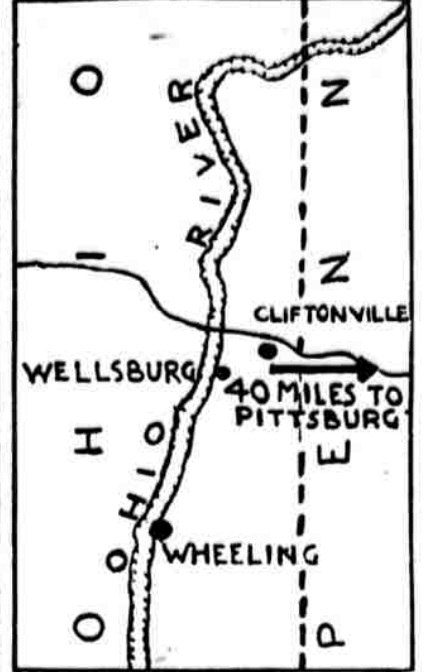
The roar of falling timbers and bricks caused great excitement in the neighborhood.
Patrolman James McCort, who was directing traffic at Fifth street and Girard avenue, ran into the ruins as bricks and beams still were falling. He rescued two men pinned down by debris.

The Injured
Abraham Sheftack, fifty years old, 5529 Walnut street, a contractor, bruises and shock.
Joseph Pagnolo, forty, 2618 South Marshall street, severe cuts and bruises and a fractured rib.
Samuel Kornstadt, forty, 2639 South Beulah street, broken nose, severe cuts and bruises and possible fracture of the skull.

The building at 1309 North Fifth street was the last to fall.

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Scene of Mine Fight



The map above shows the panhandle of West Virginia, where is located the Clifton mine of the Richmond Coal Company, which a Sheriff and eight other men were killed this morning. The mine is near the village of Cliftonville, and ten miles from Wellsburg, county seat of Brooke County.

ONE DEAD IN TRAIN WRECK

Many Passengers Hurt When Five Coaches Are Tossed Into Ditch
Savannah, Ga., July 17.—(By A. P.)—Five coaches on the Seaboard Air Line train No. 3 turned turtle at 5:30 this morning one mile south of Cox, Ga. A Negro dining car cook was killed and several passengers injured.

The train struck a broken rail and five of the cars were tossed into a ditch. The locomotive remained on the track with two cars.

SHERIFF AND 6 OTHERS SLAIN IN MINE RIOT

Strikers and Officers in Pitched Battle at Cliftonville, W. Va.

TWENTY-FIVE MEN BELIEVED WOUNDED

Tent Colony of Non-Union Miners Rocked by Terrific Blast of Dynamite

PENNSYLVANIA STRIKERS BLAMED FOR OUTRAGE

Mine Tipped and Hillsides Covered With Dead and Injured
Wellsburg, W. Va., July 17.—In a terrific gun battle just at dawn today between a little force of deputy sheriffs and mine guards and a mob of striking miners, estimated at between 300 and 400 men, Sheriff H. H. Duval, of Brooke County, and six other men, all members of the attacking party, are known to have been killed. A large number, estimated at twenty-five at least, were wounded.

The battle took place at the Clifton mine of the Richmond Coal Company, ten miles from Wellsburg, in the panhandle of West Virginia, and near the mining village of Cliftonville.
This morning the tipple of the Richmond Mining Company was a smoldering mass of ruins, and on the hillsides within a radius of a mile were the dead and wounded. Sniping is going on as the striking miners attempt to recover their dead and wounded. From wooded sections both deputies and miners are guarding the dead and dying.

Gathering in the vicinity of Avella, Washington County, Pa., about five miles from the Pennsylvania-West Virginia State line last night, a mob of several hundred striking miners marched and were hailed by autostrucks to Virginia City, on the State line. Here they were met by other strikers.

Dynamite Blast Exploded
At 2:15 o'clock this morning a terrific charge of dynamite was exploded in the tent colony of the striking miners, on the opposite bank of Cross Creek, from the tipple of the Richmond Coal Company. In a few minutes rockets were set off at Virginia City, which were plainly seen by occupants of the tent colony. The police are of the opinion that this was the signal that everything was in readiness for the attack.

Quiet reigned in the camps of both Sheriff Duval and the striking miners until shortly before 5 o'clock this morning, when the latter began leaving Virginia City, once the scene of a gigantic gambling operation. The miners divided their forces and marched to Cliftonville by two routes.

At 5 o'clock, when the fifty men who are employed in the mine were about ready to enter the mine a large crowd of miners was seen on the brow of the hill overlooking the valley in which the mine is located.

The Sheriff had placed his small band of guards at points of advantage earlier, having been tipped off regarding the movement of the miners from Avella.

Deputy Sheriff Shot
When the first miners appeared on the brow of the hill, Deputy Sheriff Irwin Mosingo started up the road to meet them. He had gone but a short distance when he was felled by a bullet, which entered his mouth and found an exit at the back of his neck. Mosingo, it is said, brought down one of the strikers before he was compelled to cease firing.

Almost immediately after the first shots were fired, the attacking miners continued on Page Two, Column One

TRIPS, SHOTS HIMSELF
Bullet Tears Through Watchman's Leg as He Investigates Noise
Hearing a suspicious noise on the third floor of the Gomers-Schwartz Building, Twenty-fourth and Market streets, early this morning, John A. Layton, sixty-three-year-old watchman, crept up three flights of stairs.

As he walked down a passageway toward the front of the building, he stumbled and his finger pulled the trigger of the gun, he held in his hand. The bullet tore through his right leg. Layton, although suffering from the loss of blood, succeeded in tying a handkerchief around the wound and walked eight blocks to the Medico-Chi Hospital, Eighteenth and Race streets, where he collapsed. He lives at 5003 Cobbs Creek Parkway.

BRITISH DEBT MISSION

Delegation Coming to U. S. September, Lloyd George Announces
London, July 17.—(By A. P.)—A special British delegation will arrive in the United States early in September in connection with the negotiations on the British debt to America, it was announced by Prime Minister Lloyd George in the House of Commons this afternoon.

DO YOU WANT A USED AUTOMOBILE?
The classified columns of the Public Ledger list some of the best bargains to be found in used cars on page 22. Advertisers to be found.